

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
ROOM W015, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

**January 18, 2006**

**Members Present:** Sen. David L. Thomas, Co-Chair  
Rep. David L. Hogue, Co-Chair  
Sen. Brent Goodfellow  
Sen. Darin Peterson  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. Mark W. Walker  
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

**Members Absent:** Rep. Douglas C. Aagard

**Staff Present:** Derek Byrne, Fiscal Analyst  
Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst  
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Hogue called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wiley made a motion to pass the minutes of January 10, 2006. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Oda and Rep. Walker absent for the vote.

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, distributed several handouts to committee members. One of these handouts specified eight administrative issues. Mr. Ricks gave a brief overview of these issues.

Comments were made by Rep. Hogue concerning base budget issues. He asked committee members to bring suggestions about COBI to the committee to be able to question agencies and to make some decisions in voting on these issues.

Gary directed the attention of the committee to another handout--a Department Personnel List. It is to be used as a point of reference when department heads address the committee.

A handout titled "Governor's Budget Recommendations" was briefly discussed by Mr. Ricks. He felt it was important to note there would be some differences between what the analysts present and the Governor's Budget as outlined on the handout. The Governor's Budget included such

items as compensation package adjustments and funding increases. He stated the analysts would be focusing on base budgets only.

Rep. Hogue commented the Chairs would no longer be swearing in those who testified before the committee. He asked that everyone answer questions properly and not be vague in giving presentations.

### **State Treasurer Base Budget Review**

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, explained a handout titled "Budget Brief--Utah State Treasurer." He noted items under "budget detail" on page 3 of the handout. The analysts recommended the Legislature provide intent language and that funds for the State Treasurer shall not lapse. The analysts expressed a desire for the committee to evaluate this issue further, as well as the other agency and line items in the budget.

Ed Alter, State Treasurer, addressed the committee. He explained the two functions of the State Treasurer's Office: (1) Investment and Treasury, and (2) Unclaimed Property. Mr. Alter responded to questions and concerns of the committee. Rep. Hogue expressed appreciation to Mr. Alter for his wealth of experience as State Treasurer.

### **Other Business**

Sen. Thomas explained Senate Bill 15 to the committee, describing how it would affect the Attorney General's budget and the FTE if the bill passes. Sen. Thomas responded to questions by the committee.

Dan Becker, State Court Administrator, responded to an inquiry by Rep. Hogue, who desired an explanation as to why record keeping in public meetings was necessary but the justice courts are not required to keep a record. Mr. Becker said he would try to get additional information concerning record keeping in justice courts.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Hogue adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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